

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2024  
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois was held in the Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room, 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Celeste Bermejo.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by recorder, Juanita Lennon, and a quorum was established.

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

None.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, and Tasos Priovolos.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, and Ron McGrath.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – August 15, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held August 15, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Armstrong, seconded by Alam. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided an update for the Board. Hargett thanks Tasos Priovolos for all his help. The Book Cellar has been slow and most likely because of the upcoming Fall Book Sale. The Friends held their Board Meeting last Friday, September 13. They agreed to one change for the book sale. To control the flow of customer traffic, there will be designated entry and exit doors in Meeting Room A. Once again, the Book Cellar will be open only on the Saturday of the weekend of the book sale with 10% off sales. The Friends are holding their annual Friends Dinner on Wednesday, September 25 at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2024-3 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2024/2025

A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-3 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2024/2025 was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

Approval of Chief Fiscal Officer’s Certificate of Revenues by Source

A motion to approve the Chief Officer’s Certificate of Revenues by Source was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

Approval of Revised Education Assistance Section in Employee Handbook

Mills discussed how the draft revision of this policy clarifies how long a staff member must have worked in a 25-hour or full-time position to be eligible for education assistance.

A motion to repeal the existing Education Assistance section in the Employee Handbook and approve the revised Education Assistance section in the Employee Handbook was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Ron McGrath from Tria Architecture shared an update on the ongoing projects. The design for the new sign monument is ongoing. The third-floor renovations are continuing slowly. The interior lighting project is now progressing smoothly after a slow start. Tria’s civil engineer met with the school district and the park district to review the parking lot plan and resolve the drainage issues. McGrath went over in-depth how the excess water will be rerouted to prevent flooding.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for August, 2024 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – September, 2024

Bills paid for the month of September in the amount of \$66,792.93 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – September, 2024

Bills payable for the month of September in the amount of \$266,247.25 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Spindel.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – August, 2024

Executive Director Mills shared that the Lawyers in the Library event on Tuesday, September 10, was well received, with 75 people attending.

State Representative Avelar, along with State Senator Meg Cappel and State Representative Natalie Manley, hosted a professional licensing event at the library on Thursday, September 12. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation was on site to assist the public with their professional licensing inquiries. The event was so well attended that the State Representatives and Senator hope to host more events in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – Trustee Armstrong commended Tria Architecture for making safety during the parking lot design conversations.

Finance – None.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

AYES:	Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

/s/ Robert Armstrong  
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
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/s/ Celeste M. Bermejo  
President, Board of Library Trustees  
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